Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* What is the urgency?

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* In order to bring them up in the Administration of the State.

MUKUNDAPURAM MAGISTRATE'S COURT—INADEQUACY OF LIGHTING

10. Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon *(Kattur):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether it has been brought to the notice of the Government that there is great difficulty to carry out work in the Mukundapuram Magistrate's Court in rainy season for want of proper lighting arrangement;

(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative, will the Government be pleased to state whether the Government will make necessary arrangements for the same immediately;

(*c*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the negative, will the Government immediately enquire into the matter?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Necessary lights have been supplied.

(*c*) Does not arise in view of answer to (*a*).

COCHIN HARBOUR—GARDENER—APPOINTMENT OF

11. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the Cochin Harbour Authorities have appointed a gardener on Rs. 50 per mensem;

(*b*) whether applications were invited for this post;

(*c*) the name of the District or State to which the appointed person belongs;

(*d*) whether he had been the gardener or relative of any of the officers or clerks or any of the relatives of such officers or clerks employed in the Harbour service;

(*e*) whether the Government be pleased to give the exact number, grades of pay given of such monthly paid appointments, made within the last 3 years without

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inviting applications, giving separate figures for Kerala people and non-Kerala people?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* (*a*), (*b*), (*c*), (*d*) and (*e*) Government have no information.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will the Government be pleased to make one more enquiry into the matter? My information is that a gardener was got down from Madras on a pay of Rs. 50.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* Government do not propose to make any inquiry in this matter.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Is it because, the Government have no authority?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* No.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Then, may I know the reason?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* I shall explain the position. The Port Advisory Committee, as it now exists, as well as the Port Trust which will hereafter be constituted, are intended to be mostly autonomous bodies more or less without much interference by the Governments concerned. That does not mean that on questions of broad policy, Government will not interfere when proper occasion arises. But, in the matter of routine day to day appointments, it is not a correct thing for the Government to interfere in the discretion exercised by the Harbour authorities.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Why is it that that information was withheld?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* Information was not sought.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* It is said that Government have no information.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* It is a statement of fact. I said, we did not ask for information.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamku'am):* This is a broad question of policy.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Was this information called for?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* It was not called for. All these are matters of routine administration.

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Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Only minor appointments, the pay of which is below Rs. 150, are given to Cochinites or even to Kerala people. All the other higher appointments are given to these Ayyangars. It is to bring this fact to the notice of the Government that I put this question.

SPECIAL PERMITS FOR BUSES—FESTIVALS—GRANT OF

12. Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Police Authorities have been refusing permission to run buses recently, on festival and Pooram days, without restriction of time; Do the Government know that it is the practice to grant special permits for plying buses at least for some years past without any restriction of time on such occasions?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* Yes; special permits have been refused to buses in connection with the Trichur Pooram and Alwaye Sivarathri from 1114 onwards on certain routes which are parallel and competitive to the State Railway.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* There is no answer to the latter part of my question.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* It was stopped only in 1114.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* May I know why it was stopped?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* The main reason was that we had incurred heavy capital expenditure in connection with the Railway, and it was on that account considered that there was sufficient justification to refuse licenses for buses by allowing special permits.

Mr. President: The railway authorities run special trains on such occasions.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* May I know whether there are not very many places where the distance to the railway station would be fairly long for the passengers who are living on the side of the road to go to Trichur or Alwaye in buses?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* The places from where buses run parallel to the railway alone were taken into consideration.

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